user participation in major and medium irrigation projects, (iii) encouragement to minor surface water lift irrigation schemes, (iv) installation of sprinkler| drip irrigation system in water scarce and drought prone areas, (v) emphasis on conjunctive use of surface and ground water and (vi) introduction of Command Area Development Programme in large minor irrigation schemes above 500 hectares. A target of creating an additional irrigation potential of 15.8 million hectares through major and medium and minor schemes has been fixed during the Eighth Plan (1992—97).

Land Erosion by Sea on West Coast

2192. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have been extending financial assistance to the affected States to contain land erosion by sea on the West Coast;

(b) if so, what is the assistance provided to Karnataka during the last three years;

(c) what are the details of works carried out by Karnataka Government; and

(d) what are the details of amounts received by Maharashtra, Goa and Kerala in the same period for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Central Government had extended Central Loan Assistance to contain land erosion by sea to the maritime States till 1991-92.

(b) The Central Loan Assistance given to Karnataka is as under :—

1990-91—NIL

1991-92—Rs. 93 Lakhs

1992-93—NIL

(c) The amount was utilised to carry out protection works against sea erosion at 32 locations in the State.

(d) During 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, no Central Loan Assistance was given to Maharashtra and Goa. During the same thhee yeass period Rs. 8.39 crore was given to Kerala.

Termination of Officers in NSFDC

2193. SHRI J. S. RAJU : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that six SC|ST officers of NSFDC have been terminated| relieved from their services;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(c) what is the number of persons employed in NSFDC since September, 1991 and how many of them are SCs|STs ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) Six SC|ST officials have been relieved from NSFDC till date. Out of these two officers were reverted to their parent departments on completion of their deputation, one officer was reverted to his parent organisation on his own request. Two officers were relieved by NSFDC at their own request on fresh appointment elsewhere. In one case, ad-hoc appointment was terminated as the appointee did not fulfil the required qualifications and experience as prescribed under the Recruitment Rules of the Corporation.

(c) Eleven persons have been employed in NSFDC since September, 1991.

Four out of these belong to the Scheduled Castes and one to the Scheduled Tribe category.

Encadrement of Posts

2194. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the reasons for which no exercise has been taken in the Ministry of Welfare to determine whepossibilities similar to the posts forming ther isolated posts having duties and respart of any existing cadre should be encadred in spite of the instructions of the Department of Administrative Reforms; and

(b) whether Government propose to complete the exercise within the shortest period ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) In pursuance of the guidelines suggested by the Department of Personnel and Training with regard to encadrement of the isolated posts in the Ministry/Department etc., the Ministry of Welfare has already undertaken the necessary exercise for including the isolated posts in the existing organised services or for combining the isolated posts having similar duties and responsibilities to form a revised viable cadre.

(b) Yes, Sir.

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2195. **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आजमी** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि उत्तर प्रदेश के जिला गाजीपुर के रजदेपुर क्षेत्र में वक्फ के स्वामित्वाधीन कब्रिस्तान-इमामबाड़ा की भूमि पर अधिकमण किया जा रहा है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) और (ख) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Mentally Handicapped Persons

2196. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the estimated number of mentally handicapped persons in different age group;

(b) whether it is a fact that in a large number of cases the fact of mental handicap never comes in record, mainly because of the innivent trauma and depression suffered by the person concerned on the revaluation of the ailment to prime and the social sigma attached thereto; and

(c) whether there is any scheme or programme for rehabilitation and resettlement of such persons in society, if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) No nationwide detailed survey has been conducted so far in the country. However, in June, 1991 the National Sample Survey Organisation conducted a nationwide sample survey in the 47th round and collected information regarding the number of persons with mental handicap (mental retardation) in the age group 1-14 years. The results are yet to be published.

(b) Persons with mental retardation are unlikely to understand the implications of social stigma because of deficiency in cognitive development. On the contrary, it is the parents who may hide the information and not report about the child having mental retardation in tht family.